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1. PHILIPPINES

REUTER (MANILA) REPORTS FORMER MARCOS AIDE ERNESTO MACEDA
HAS FLED TO US, ACCORDING "WELL-INFORMED SOURCES." SAYS
PRESIDENTIAL PALACE HAD NO COMMENT, AND AMEMBASSY WHEN
ASKED ABOUT REPORTS MACEDA WAS SEEKING POL ASYLUM,
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REFERRED ALL QUESTIONS TO DOS. NOTES 4 PROMINENT FILIPINO
POLITICIANS HAVE FLED TO US IN PAST 10 MONTHS.

JOC'S COOPER SAYS W/FON DEBT OF CLOSE TO 6.5 BIL DOLS,
AND TRADE DEFICIT OF 480 MIL DOLS FOR 1ST HALF THIS YR,
PHILIPPINES HAS CONSIDERABLE CAUSE FOR CONCERN, ACCORDING
COMMERICAL BANKING SOURCES IN US.

REUTER'S CABIE (MANILA 8/9) NOTES CAPITAL CITY AUTHORITIES
WORKING ON PLANS TO DISCOURAGE ESTIMATED HALF MIL

FILIPINOS WHO FLOCK INTO THERE EVERY YR SEEKING JOBS. SAYS AUTHORITIES CONSIDERING PLAN TO ISSUE SPECIAL ID CARDS THAT WILL GIVE MANILA RESIDENTS TOP PRIORITY IN SCHOOLS/EMPLOYMENT/SOC SERVICES/HOUSING. FIRST STEP IS SURVEY OF CITY POP. BUT SAYS CRITICISM ALREADY BEING HEARD. "DAILY

EXPRESS" CALLED PLAN "DISCRIMINATION PURE AND SIMPLE... DENIAL OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND CHOICE"/SUGGESTED OTHER METHODS TO DISCOURAGE MIGRATION, SUCH AS SPREADING OUT OF INDUSTRIES AND BETTER PROVINCIAL SCHOOLS/HOSPITALS/ REGIONAL DEVEL PROGRAMS.

2. CHINA

PRC CATHOLIC CHURCH SPOKESMAN, IN 1ST COMMENT ON POPE PAUL'S DEATH, SAID THURS CHURCH WILL HOLD NO SPECIAL SERVICES; BUT FATHER FU TIEH-SHAN OF PEKING'S CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL SAID HE WOULD PERSONALLY PRAY FOR PONTIFF (REUTER PEKING).

CHINA HAS LAUNCHED ITS 1ST ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN, LAYS BLAME FOR INCREASING CIGARETTE SMOKING AMONG YOUTH AT DOOR OF "GANG OF 4" (AFP, WP).

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LAT (8/9) CARRIES PHOTO OF GROUP OF PRC JOURNALISTS--DURING TOUR OF PASADENA JET PROPULSION LAB--BEING SHOWN MODEL OF "VIKING" ORBITER.

3. CHINA/JAPAN

REUTER (TOKYO) REPORTS CHINESE-JAPANESE NEGOTIATORS HAVE AGREED ON DRAFT PEACE/FRIENDSHIP TREATY; MIGHT FINISH THEIR TALKS BY 8/12 IF BOTH GOVTS ACCEPT ITS WORDING, ACCORDING "JIJI."

4. CHINA/VIETNAM

REUTER (PEKING) REPORTS PRC HAS REJECTED VN PROTEST OVER 2ND MELEE/STAMPEDE BY ETHNIC CHINESE REFUGEES THRU BORDER CROSSING IN ONE WK, HAS TOLD HANOI IT HAD NO RIGHT TO COMPLAIN.

5. INDOCHINA

DOS SPOKESMAN RESTON SAID WEDS THAT US HAS HEARD NOTHING OFFICIALLY TO CONFIRM THAT SRV HAS DROPPED ITS CLAIM FOR WAR REPARATIONS. ADDED THAT "OUR POSITION IS UNCHANGED." SUN ITEM HOWEVER QUOTES "US DIPLOMAT" THAT "TIMING MUST BE JUST RIGHT BEFORE WE CAN NORMALIZE."

VIET REFUGEE NGO PHI HUNG TOLD HOUSE INTL RELS SUBCMTE

WEDS THAT HE SAW 46 US POWS IN VN RECENTLY AS APRIL '77 IN QUANGNGAI (WP'S TOFANI, REUTER).

CHI SUN-TIMES DISPATCH (BALT NA 8/9) REPORTS 2 HIGH-RANKING VIET OFFICIALS AND 6 MEMBERS US CONGRESS HAVE MET INFORMALLY TO DISCUSS ESTABLISHING DIPLO RELS BETWN 2 COUNTRIES. SRV REPS REPORTEDLY SAID THEY WERE "WILLING" MOVE, PERHAPS BY FIRST SETTING UP VN INTEREST SECTION IN UNCLASSIFIED

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AN EXISTING US EMB IN COUNTRY FRIENDLY TO HANOI.

ACCORDING DIPLO SOURCES, FIGHTING IN CAMBODIA-VN BORDER WAR HAS EASED IN PAST WK, AFTER SERIOUS CLASHES DURING JUNE/JULY (REUTER BANGKOK).

WP'S SHARKEY CITES VIET MEDIA REPORTS THAT RASH OF INSURRECTIONS HAS ERUPTED ACROSS CAMBODIA OVER PAST SEVERAL WKS. SAYS ANALYSTS HESITATE TO GUESS WHETHER HANOI MAY WANT PRESS FOR DOWNFALL OF POL POT GOVT; BUT CITES ONE ANALYST WHO "EXPRESSED THE SENTIMENTS OF MANY" WHO HAVE BEEN WATCHING INDOCHINA SITUATION: "HANOI WOULD BE DOING THE WORLD A FAVOR" IF IT COULD BRING DOWN KAMPUCHEA REGIME.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

5. VIETNAM

"PENTHOUSE" MAG EDIT (AUG) CALLS ON VA/USG TO ADMIT THAT VIET VETS MAY HAVE BEEN POISONED BY "AGENT ORANGE"--ADMISSION WHICH COULD COST HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLS. NOTES VA IN CHICAGO IS ACCEPTING CLAIMS/IS WILLING TO HELP. IN WASHINGTON, HOWEVER, SAYS VA MAY NOT PAY CLAIMS, ON GROUNDS VETS CAN'T PROVE THEY HAVE BEEN POISONED.

6. VIETNAM/CHINA

ON "FIRST LINE" REPORT (8/8), CBS' MARVIN KALB SAYS POINT OF NEGOTS BETWN PRC/SRV IS TO FIND SOME WAY OF ALLOWING ETHNIC CHINESE TO LEAVE VN W/O DISRUPTING VIET ECON ON ONE HAND/CHINESE SOCIETY ON OTHER. CAUTIONS THERE IS NO REASON TO THINK QUICK SOLUTION WILL BE FOUND. SAYS IT'S UNCLASSIFIED

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NO LONGER COMMUNISTS ON MARCH AGAINST ANTI-COMMUNISTS; IT'S COMMUNISTS FIGHTING OTHER COMMUNISTS. OPINES IT'S HARD TO KNOW WHO'S TELLING TRUTH OR WHETHER IT CAN EVEN BE DIVINED IN THIS CONFUSING SITUATION.

7. CAMBODIA

ACCORDING LAT'S MCARTHUR (BANGKOK 8/9), SIGNS COMING OUT OF CAMBODIA INDICATE POL POT REGIME IS IN SERIOUS TROUBLE. QUOTES DIPLO SOURCES THAT FOR 1ST TIME SINCE BORDER WAR W/ VN BROKE OUT, CAMBODIAN ARMY IS SUFFERING CASUALTIES AT

RATE IT CANNOT LONG MAINTAIN. SIMULTANEOUSLY, SAYS THERE APPEARS BE SERIOUS INTERNAL FRICTION AMONG TIGHT-KNIT CAMBODIAN LEADERSHIP--REPORTS SPREAD BY VIET DIPLOS IN SEASIA WHO ARE SPREADING RUMORS THAT POL POT IS FACING CRISIS OF SURVIVAL. NOTES RADIO PP HAS INDIRECTLY CONFIRMED THERE HAVE BEEN CHANGES IN UPPER RANKS--DEFMIN SON SEN IS NOW ALTERNATE MEMBER OF POLITBURO. ALSO NOTES CAMBODIA IS SHARPLY CUTTING ITS MIL FORCES ON W BORDER W/THAILAND IN ORDER TRANSFER TROOPS TO PP/VIET FRONT. QUOTES W SOURCES THAT CAMBODIANS CONTINUE RECEIVE ADEQUATE FLOW OF ARMS/AMMUNITION BY AIR FROM CHINA, THAT THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT SUPPORT SLOWING DOWN FOLLOWING RECENT TALKS BETWN 2 COUNTRIES.

8. PHILIPPINES

WRITING FOR COLORADO SPRINGS SUN,(CLARK AIR BASE 7/10), RET AF GEN T R MILTON OBSERVES CLARK IS IMPT PLACE IF US HAS ANY INTENTION OF REMAINING INFLUENTIAL PACIFIC NATION. SAYS CMDR MAJ GEN POSTON HAS PUT TOGETHER COMPELLING RATIONALE FOR RETENTION OF CLARK: BASE CAN HANDLE MAJOR OPRNS; CLARK IS STRATEGIC LOCATION FOR OPRNS TO WEST OF BASE; CLARK SITS ASTRIDE LOGISTIC ROUTE TO ALL OF SEASIA.

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9. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

BGLOBE EDIT (7/31) OBSERVES THAT SENATE SUBCMTE ON REFUGEES REPORT GIVES ENCOURAGING PICTURE OF REFUGEE SITUATION IN US. NOTES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR REFUGEES IN US IS 5.9 PCT--LOWER THAN POP AS WHOLE--AND NUMBER RECEIVING CASH ASSISTANCE HAS STEADILY DECLINED. CONTENTS REPORT DEMONSTRATES THAT US RESPONSIBILITY CAN BE MET/ CALLS ON US TO MEET ITS HISTORIC OBLIGATION.

10. AUSTRALIA

WASHINGTON COORDINATOR OF FUND FOR ANIMALS, MARIAN NEWMAN, TAKES EXCEPTION TO KIM SHAW'S OP-ED ARTICLE ON KANGAROOS IN WP 7/24. CALLS ARTICLE "MISLEADING AND INACCURATE" IN SUGGESTING AUSSIE KANGAROOS ARE OVERLY ABUNDANT/IN NO DANGER OF BEING WIPED OUT BY RANCHERS' COMMERCIAL INTERESTS. CONTENTS AUSTRALIA IS KILLING OFF KANGAROOS AT RATE THAT COULD SOON BRING ABOUT EXTINCTION. NOTES

THAT DESPITE GOA LIFTING OF ITS EXPORT BAN IN '75, INTERIOR STATED IN APRIL THAT NO INFO RECEIVED TO WARRANT CHANGE IN ITS CLASSIFICATION. SO FAR GOA HAS NOT FORWARDED REQUESTED INFO--"PROBABLY BECAUSE THERE IS NO VALID DATA" INDICATING KANGAROOS ARE OUT OF DANGER (WP 7/31).

11. SINGAPORE

REUTER'S DANIEL DOES FEATURE ON SINGAPORE (8/8) AS COUNTRY CELEBRATES 14TH YR INDEPENDENCE. FOLLOWING PHENOMENAL GROWTH, NOTES MAIN TASK NOW FACING ISLAND IS HOW TO SUSTAIN THIS GROWTH AMID WORLDWIDE ECON UNCERTAINTIES, INCREASING TRADE PROTECTIONISM, SLOWDOWN IN FDI INVEST. WITH NO NATURAL RESOURCES/VERY SMALL AGRIC SECTOR, SAYS UNCLASSIFIED

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COUNTRY DEPENDS ON TRADE/COMMERCE FOR ITS SURVIVAL/IS VULNERABLE TO INTL ECON PRESSURES/FLUCTUATIONS. CONTENDS NEW ANNUAL ECON GROWTH RATE TARGET OF 7 PCT NOT EXPECTED HAVE UNSETTLING EFFECT ON HIGHLY DIVERSIFIED ECON/LEADERSHIP. NOTES PM/BANNERS DECORATING STREETS EXTOL VIRTUES OF HARD WORK/WARN PEOPLE THEY MUST INNOVATE TO MAINTAIN PROGRESS. SAYS LEE KUAN YEW'S CONTINUED POL SUCCESS MAY DEPEND ON HIS ABILITY PROVIDE NEW DIRECTION TO OVERCOME ANTICIPATED DIFFICULTIES IN ECON SECTOR.

12. PHILIPPINES - ADD COMMENT

ACCORDING TIME-LIFE NEWS SERVICE'S BERNSTEIN, FEW RULERS DOMINATE THEIR COUNTRIES LIKE MARCOS DOMINATES PHILS. IN FEATURE ARTICLE IN WSTAR (8/9), BERNSTEIN NOTES MARCOS' CENTRALIZATION OF MARTIAL LAW REGIME/INTERVENTION IN IMPT DECISIONS WHICH HE CALLS DECISIVE/UNCHALLENGEABLE. NOTES NO ONE QUESTIONED PRES' RIGHT TO TAKE AWAY HERMENIO DISINI'S BUSINESSES BEFORE ANY OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES AGAINST HIM COMPLETED. ALSO NOTES MARCOS ROLE IN ARREST/SENTENCING/INCARCERATION OF BENIGNO AQUINO.

BERNSTEIN CONTENDS CONCENTRATION OF POWER INTO MARCOS' HANDS HAS PRODUCED SOMETHING OF A CULT OF MARCOS PERSONA, INCL IMELDA, THAT W/ELIMINATION OF FORMER OLIGARCHY, MARCOS HAS PRESIDED OVER CREATION OF ANOTHER, EVEN MORE CONCENTRATED ONE. SAYS IT WIDELY BELIEVED THAT CONTROL OVER VAST PORTIONS OF ECON HAS PASSED INTO HANDS OF PEOPLE VERY CLOSE TO MARCOS THEMSELVES. WHILE MOVING AWAY FROM SOME ASPECTS OF MARTIAL LAW (EG RELEASING POL PRISONERS), MARCOS, HE SAYS, HAS RETAINED MAIN FEATURE OF MARTIAL LAW--HIS OWN UNDISPUTED, ONE-MAN STYLE OF GOVERNING.

13. GENERAL

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REUTER'S MAJENDIE (MANILA 8/8) DOES FEATURE ON RURAL HEALTH CARE IN ASIA/PAC. QUOTES WHO REG DIR, DR FRANCISCO DY, THAT THERE IS TOO MUCH CENTRALIZATION IN MOD MEDICINE, THAT WHO IS EAGER TO ADOPT ANY FORM OF TRAD MEDICINE ALREADY FOUND IN REMOTE AREAS/IS PROMOTING MED CARE AT

GRASS-ROOTS LEVEL. CITES WHO'S PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SCHEME TO GIVE 3-6 MONTHS TRAINING TO LOCAL HEALTH WORKERS WHO CAN DIAGNOSE SIMPLE DISEASES, ADMINISTER 1ST AID, TREAT MINOR AILMENTS, RECOGNIZE/REFER MORE SERIOUS COMPLAINTS. SAID WHO TOOK INSPIRATION FROM CHINESE "BAREFOOT DOCTORS"; NOTES LAOTIAN AUTHORITIES VERY RESPONSIVE TO COUNTRY HEALTH PLAN, OTHER PROGRAMS GOING THRU IN AUSTRALIA/SOLOMON ISLS. QUOTES DOC DY THAT SELF-RELIANCE ESSENTIAL AT COMMUNITY LEVEL/THAT SUCCESS OF THIS PROGRAM COULD BE ROAD TO SUCCESS IN AIMS OF HEALTH FOR ALL BY YR 2000. VANCE

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